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## Items of Interest Locally

G. H. Kent was in Medicine Hat this week.

Mrs. P. H. Thibaudieu has returned from a visit to Ontario.

Mrs. L. Puffer spent Christmas with her parents in the United States.

Mrs. Collier and daughters have returned from a visit to friends in the United States.

The Lacombe Skating Rink opened on Tuesday night for this season. The prices set for season tickets are \$5.00 for men, \$3.50 for ladies and \$2.50 for children.

The "Mother Goose visit to Santa Claus Land" at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday night was a highly successful entertainment. A large audience was in attendance and all enjoyed it thoroughly.

The Christmas tree and entertainment held in the Methodist church on Monday evening was highly successful. The children taking part in the performance were well trained for the occasion and acquitted themselves creditably. The performances of the elder ones were also exceedingly good. The church was full and rang with the hearty applause of an appreciative audience.

## MARRIAGE

Napper-McNaughton—At Swift Current, Sask., on Dec. 10th, by Rev. C. B. McKinnon, Harriet B. McNaughton to Gordon H. Napper.

## Spring Valley

Nomination meeting at the school house on Monday Jan. 5, 1914.

School will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 6, with Miss Craig of Portage la Prairie as teacher.

Miss Rothnie left for Manitoba on Saturday expecting to eat Xmas dinner with her parents. She will be greatly missed as she was a favorite with everybody.

The school entertainment on Friday night was a huge success. There was a large crowd and a good programme well rendered. Miss Rothnie had her pupils well drilled. There was also outside talent which was highly appreciated. The Xmas tree was loaded with all sorts of presents for the little folks.

## DEATH

Mrs. Keith who had been invalid for some time was called to her long home go Saturday last and was buried at Lacombe on the 23rd. She was a pioneer of the district locating here in 1900. She leaves behind to mourn her death, a husband, four sons and one daughter. She had reached the age of sixty three.

## First Sol of A. & G. W. Turned

Edmonton, Dec. 26.—The first sol of the Alberta and Great Western Railway will be turned Saturday afternoon at a point north of the Sturgeon river, east of St. Albert, at the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia crossing of the river. It will be that the junction of the two railroads will be made in order that they may use the same terminals and have one entrance to the city.

Under the act of the last session of the Alberta Legislature, under which the A. & G. W. railway was taken over by J. D. McArthur who is building the E. D. & B. C. railway, it was specifically required that a start in construction of the A. & G. W. railway be made before Dec. 31st of this year.

The turning of the first sol tomorrow will not be in the nature of a technical start only. It is not Mr. McArthur's intention to delay actual construction work. A large force of men will be put to work in clearing the right of way of the line, which has already been located for ten miles. Supplies for next summer's work will also be taken in, thus providing employment for many men.

Mr. McArthur has adopted the method of filling plans with the provincial department of railways for each ten miles of the line as the work proceeds.

This is actually the second time for the "first sol" of the A. & G. W. railway to be turned. In 1910, under the abortive contract with W. R. Clark, of Kansas City, a start was made on the line at a point near Battleburg on the Sturgeon river, northeast of the city.

Litigation which resulted in the elimination of Clark then followed, and tomorrow will see the first real start on the line from Edmonton to Fort McMurray.

The first step in the actual commencement of operations by the rehabilitated A. & G. W. railway company was taken on Wednesday when the provincial treasurer's department received a cheque from J. D. McArthur for \$950,000, bearing the accrued interest at 3 1/2 per cent on \$7,400,000, the proceeds of the sale of the A. & G. W. bonds.

## Rouses Anger of Specialists

London, Dec. 26.—Sir Frederick Treves, one of the greatest living surgeons, who bears among many high-sounding titles that of surgeon-in-ordinary to the Queen and former surgeon-extraordinary to Queen Victoria and the late King Edward, has provoked the anger of the eminent specialists of his country by uttering a warning against the brilliant members of his own profession of surgery.

"There is no person," says Sir Frederick, "of whom I would

have greater fear than the brilliant surgeon, and if it fell to my lot to have to undergo an operation I should carefully select one who was not brilliant. Hard work produces better results than brilliancy."

Eminent surgeons declare they are living from day to day on their reputations—always working at the highest point of achievement. But what Sir Frederick is understood to be hitting at is the growing habit of brilliant surgeons of advising operations on insufficient grounds when big fees are assured.

Sir Frederick has retired from active practice, being past 60. For the past 14 years he has been chief surgeon to the British royal family.

## Big Offer Made to Secure Pardon

New York, Dec. 26.—That Elmer E. Tolman, business successor of Daniel Tolman, a money lender now serving a term of six months, is ready to surrender without reserve, notes amounting to \$500,000 and go out of business to secure a pardon for his father, is the statement made Christmas night by Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for Tolman. Application for a pardon was made to Governor Glynn Tuesday.

Mr. Spellman said that Elmer E. Tolman was willing to meet any conditions which the attorney-general might wish to impose. In addition to surrendering the notes without reserve of any kind, he is prepared to have the state attorney draw up the papers in case those which he had submitted should fail to meet his approval. Mr. Tolman, Jr., agrees to close as many of his places of business as possible before January 1, and all of them by May, 1914, should further evidence of good faith be desired, the applicant would be willing to have the pardon made conditional upon the performance of all promises made. The notes in question affect 25,000 persons, it is said and most of them represent loans of about \$20. This indebtedness would be cancelled in each instance.

## Swiss Aviator Flies Over Alps

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps today, though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The aviator arrived here at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, after a journey from Biel, from which place he started at 9 a.m.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet

almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps, about half an hour before he came to Berne.

## Gas Struck at Camrose

Edmonton Dec. 20.—There was great excitement at Camrose yesterday afternoon when gas was struck in the well which is being bored by the International Sup'ly Company on behalf of the Camrose Natural Gas Company. At a depth of 1,235 feet, which is two feet below the supposed gas strata, a tremendous volume of gas was encountered, the flow being estimated at half a million feet in twenty-four hours.

After the well had been capped, the gas was lighted, the flame reaching upwards for over twenty feet. Owing to the fact that by agreement the town can take over the franchise, there was great jubilation in Camrose last night. It is likely that other wells will be drilled as soon as the necessary machinery can be installed.

## Sad Tragedy in Calumet

Calumet, Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Xmas celebration by copper mine strikers in an Italian hall because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on, the children pressed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas presents. In an instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "Fire." The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for the doors. The weaker ones were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effectively that those inside could not get out and those without could not get in to aid the panic stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time before the panic subsided.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few who had been near the door, and had escaped unharmed. A crowd soon assembled, and the work of clearing the hall was begun. The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top, and quick accounting had been made, it was found that seventy-four corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It is thought a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The dead was piled up side by side, the girls numbering 37, boys 19, women 13, and five men.

## The Abolition of Horse Thieves Near Stettler

Stettler Alta, Dec. 22.—A band of horse thieves are at work in the district north of Monitor and Veteran, and ranchers up in that district have reported to the mounted police that they have altogether lost over thirty head of horses. Yesterday fifteen of these were recovered near Monitor. They had been sold to farmers in the district, and it is thought that the others have been disposed of in the same way and will be recovered.

The farmers, who purchased the horses said they were driven in that district by three men, who came from the north. These men said the horses were for sale, and the figure asked was such that they had not much difficulty of disposing of them.

The police here have a description of the men, and they expect before long to have the thieves behind the bars.

Several hold-ups have also been reported in this district, and it is thought that the horse thieves are also responsible for these. On Wednesday night, two brothers, named Smith, were driven some little way out of the town of Veteran where they were held up by three masked men at the point of revolvers, and told to hand over their valuables. The men gave their pocketbooks containing in the neighborhood of \$200. They reported the matter to the police, and although they could not describe the features of the men, it is thought that the perpetrators were the horse thieves.

Inspector Heffernan, of the local police has despatched four constables to effect the arrest, which it is thought will have to be pulled off with every caution, as the thieves appear to be desperate men.

## Big Storm on East Coast

New York, Dec. 26.—Two men drowned in the East river and ten men of the crews of two barges wrecked on the New Jersey coast, given up as lost is the cost in human lives of the storm which swept over this city and vicinity early this morning.

Most of the property losses are due to bulkheads giving way to onslaught of the waves followed by a gale which at one time was 50 miles an hour. Two three-masted barges whose crews have been given up as lost were in tow of the sea-going tug, Edward F.

While the storm was at its height the barges broke away and then drifted in shore midway between life saving stations 15 and 16, six miles south of Seaside Park, N. J. At 9:30 this morning only one of the barges was visible and on it was the form of a man. It disappeared later.

Heroic efforts on the part of the life saving crew have so far failed to reveal a single survivor of the wreck. Two men drowned here were long-shoremen whose boat was caught in the storm and swamped.

## Emigration Mania in England

London, Dec. 21.—England faces rather a serious problem in what the board of Agriculture calls "The emigration mania." Correspondents in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Devonshire, Cornwall, Somersetshire, Dorsetshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire blame the insurance act.

Eleven out of every twenty-one men in one troop of yeomanry in Yorkshire are now in Canada.

A Truro correspondent writes of 160 cases in Cornwall in six weeks and some hundreds from North Devon are going in the spring time. From Poole, Dorset, over two hundred have gone to Canada in a year. From the Canterbury district in Kent, almost three hundred people have gone.

## THE OUTCAST PARENT.

The Whole World's Chilly and All Because of Winter.

You meet him in the forest, you meet him in the town, and, feeling at your sorrest, you long to knock him down. You have a wish to take him across your knees and break him. He sits in knots and shake him and pull him by the cravat.

You meet him in the bars, you meet him in the saloon; he holds you with his wax eyes and tries to tell his tale, profanely shrieking, some quiet refuge seeking, he can't hit your trail.

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It is his wild soliloquies that will be till he's dead) to tell you of the clever, bright things his Willis said—his sweet, precious Willis, who drives the whole world silly. He'll tell you, willy nilly, till you are seeing red.

"Breakfast time this morning, the postman informed me, 'Without a lot of warning'—Willie's 'Breakfast time'—But ere he can unravel the tale you hit the gravel with frantic speed you travel, in which you're surely wise.

Then comes dark and hilly the one east parents road. His name of little Willis he scarcely can afford, for people turn their faces and hit the higher places when his tales he chase forth from his grim abode.

So torn is his blindness he does not know where he is, though he is blindfolded for his life in the land. No wonders why we sin him and sometimes try to skin him with words that should be caressed.

He had the whole world chilly, and tickle Willis gets off passing well. His game's not worth the candle; we hold him as a vandal and wildly yearn to handle an old-time chestnut bell!—Walt Mason in Judge.

## His Wish.

He had a friendly look. It was evident that he was the proprietor of an assortment of large dapple gray thoughts. "What are you thinking of?" his wife asked.

"I'm just wishing," he replied. "What are you wishing?" she demanded, for, as has been indicated, she was a woman.

"I'm wishing as you are great and wise and good and rich as you like. I ought to be if I expect to be worthy of you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Stage Novelty.

"Want time in vaudeville, eh? Are you a baseball player?"

"No."

"Want somebody?"

"Never."

"What are you then?"

"Merely an actor."

"An actor, eh? Well, I don't know.

Actors are unusual in vaudeville, but the very novelty of the thing might make it a go."—Pittsburgh Post.

## Observe.

"You can't hang up your hat in this house, let me tell you."

"Not very well while you are sitting on it."—Baltimore American.

## BIG CRACKS ON HAND AND FINGERS

Eczema for Three Years. Broke Out on Head in Scales. Itched and Burned Badly. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured.

Lynne Brook, N. H.—"I suffered on my hands first in sores between my fingers and all over the palms of my hand and fingers were big cracks and blisters. I could not hold a pen or pencil or a needle. It itched and burned so badly I could not sleep. It was so itching and burning that I could not sleep and made sores and my hair came out awfully bad. I did not know what it was."

"I was treated for a long time and it did not do any good. I gave up my work for months but as soon as I started doing my house-work again my hands got just as bad as ever. I could not hold a pen or pencil and it did not do any good. One day I read about Cuticura Soap and Ointment and decided to try them. I used a small amount and I found them till I got a strong itching and burning. I got three cases of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment and cutures that came with it. (Signed) Mrs. F. M. Mifflin, May 27, 1910."

Not only is Cuticura Soap and Ointment most valuable in the treatment of eczema, but it is equally effective in the cure of the scalp, and no other ointment does so much for pimples, blackheads, red, rough skin, scaling, toothy scaly, dandruff, dry, thin and brittle hair, baldness, and hair loss. It is not only an economical, but by druggists and dealers everywhere. For a liberal free sample of each, with 25¢ book, send postpaid to Dr. J. G. De Chancery, Dept. B, Boston, U. S. A.

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## DO YOU KNOW HER?

**B**ECAUSE her sex was feminine she bore the title "wife". She thought the Lord had misseen her.

Her heated environment perplexed her more and more.

She wanted to wear charms and lift her wings and song.

She wouldn't wash the dishes, and she wouldn't make a bed.

Because such course and common work although her husband's income and his business, too, were slack.

She wanted to wash, because the hurt her back.

She didn't care for children. "They are nuisances," said she.

"They make a awful lot of work, no one likes for me to do."

The training of an infant mind would surely interest.

With the ambitious visions of a wobbly career.

She gashed herself most modestly in all the latest fashions.

The white her blouse sacrificed and she wanted to be a belle.

She wondered why on earth she ever wed the stupid duty.

Her final consolation was a session at the club.

For there she sensed a larger life brings full of strange delights.

A hunting party, a dinner, when the women get the best of the men.

A second Joan of Arc was she who couldn't have a man.

With the most malignant armes when her country was at stake.

The neighbors from her gossip had a respite of surprises.

While she was stamping she advocated universal peace.

With eloquence her soul was fired. The world is a better place when she was born.

To hear one tell of children's wrongs who never had a child.

The spouse of loving sacrifice, of work she would perform.

When she was forever ever a super star that was warm.

Guaranteed to rid the earth of all its And what became of hubby? Why, he went on paying bills.

—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## Appearances Decisive.

A man lay groaning and writhing by the roadside when up dashed a policeman and proceeded to investigate; but all he could get out of the sufferer was:

"I ate one, t; t; I ate one, too," and he was puzzled, but not for long.

"Poison?" was his diagnosis, and, instead of calling a doctor, he directed the guaranteed to rid the earth of all its And what became of hubby? Why, he went on paying bills.

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## A Good Medicine.

Young Robinson had been kept somewhat late at the office on Saturday day, and so, without wasting valuable time, he had a meal and then hurried home to his wife and set out for the football match immediately.

On his way back from the match, however, he found that the ball had almost entirely disappeared, demanding another hit in place of the inhabited one.

I'm sorry, sir," said the same man, "but I'm reaching snails, but that, I am afraid, is impossible. However, if you care to return to the ball, we shall be only too glad to exchange it for a current.

—No Doubt About It.



Chaplin (on steamer in midocean)—Giving over old topsy—Old Top-Yea. Are you—Portland Oregonian.

## Old Saw.

Tramp—You know the sayin', mun, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to God."

Mrs. Stuhle—Very true. And since you speak of proverbs, I'll tell you to another old saw.

Tramp—Which one is that, mun?

Mrs. Stuhle—The one back in the woodshed—Padthiner.

Great Invention.

"Noddies is the easiest man I know. He has an invention fixed so that by merely pulling a wire in bed he can light the fire; but that doesn't seem to improve matters."

"Why not?"

"I've too lazy to pull the wire."—Spokesman-Review.

## Sure Proof.

"How can a girl be sure that a young man loves her?"

"Oh, there are reliable signs. Now, my dear student for my father's sake stories and errors for an occasional touch."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Sure Enough.

"That man you just introduced me to impresses me as one who knows how to keep his mouth shut at the right time."

"Yes. He's trying to get used to his new teeth."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## When a Job Looks Good.

"Brown is bragging about the good job he has secured yesterday. You see, he hasn't been in it long enough to discover the work that goes with it."—Detroit Free Press.

## Against High Prices.

"I'm going to sell kisses at the chart room. Do you think \$1 a kiss is too high?"

"Oh, no. People expect to be robbed at these charity affairs."—Pittsburgh Daily Post.

Respectability is the mother of confidence.

## KITCHENER IN TEARS

An Incident in the Final Sudan Campaign

Lord Kitchener is by means of the incident to be. In action he certainly

was, as the late G. W. Stevens put it, "A brave working in a box of ice."

Once in the final Sudan campaign when sudden and torrential rains swept away the labor of months, he lay down, wet and ill, in his tent.

Again, in the final scene at Khartoum, when a thanksgiving service was held, the tears rolled down his face.

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No stronger proof of the wonderful  
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"I want to add my unsolicited testi-  
monial to the others of your wonder-  
ful liniment. As far as I consider  
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Nervilene. I had a dreadful attack  
of cold, that settled on my chest,  
but having rubbed on Nervilene  
three or four days it was completely restored.  
I have induced dozens of my friends  
to Nervilene, and they are all delighted  
with its wonderful power over  
pain and sickness."

"You are at liberty to publish this  
second letter, which I hope will show  
the way to many that need  
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(Signed) "LUCY MOSHER."

All sorts of aches, pains and sufferings  
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Accept no substitute. Large family size bottles, 50c; trial  
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ractone Co., Buffalo, N.Y., and King-  
ston, Ont.

Rhymney Bartlett—Have you ever  
contributed anything to the cause of  
the poor?

Father Greenshaw—You bet! I have.  
You're the fourth post that's stayed  
here all summer an' ain't been able to  
pay no board.

See here, young man, said the stern  
parent as he entered the parlor, you  
have been callous on my daughter's ra-  
ther late of late. Are you in-  
tentions serious?

They certainly are, sir, answered  
the young man. I'm trying to induce  
her to marriage at 250 and her old  
man for a new one.

You tell me, said the judge, that  
this is the man who knocked  
down with his motor car. Could you  
swear to the man?

I did, returned the complainant eag-  
erly, but he didn't stop to hear me.

What makes you stand on one foot  
and move your shoulders in that way?"  
asked the simpleton.

We're racing the crane, there's no  
chance of my learning to sing, so I'm  
practicing to see if I can't become a  
classic dancer.

We used to joke on women's rights  
And fashion's strange displays.  
We joked of dangerous airtight flights  
And of the various ways,

But now we're feeling the blues,  
Like many other folks,  
For all the jokes are coming true  
And serious things are jokes.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

The old doctor I read a poem  
that said if I were to kiss you  
How did it move you so?

I wept because I couldn't get at the  
author.

A Fire Alarm  
He declared he burned with love for  
Lucy.

What happened?  
Her father put him out.

She Knew  
I shouldn't think golf is much ex-  
ercise.

Don't it? Why it makes the boys  
so strong in the arms you can hard-  
ly breathe.

The Difference  
Old General wouldn't make  
such faces if I were your little man.

Smart boy (with difficulty)—You  
would if you knew this woman was  
going to kiss you.

Time after time I have seen inher-  
ited lands or money bring the recipient  
to poverty, debt or the poorhouse;  
but I have, by honest labor, and  
regularly invested, stayed for a comfort  
in old age.

Far better a barren farm with pure  
air, than the dirty, noisy city, where no  
one cares if you starve to death. Buy  
an acre of ground, and live in a store-  
box first! Most farmers need hands, so  
you are sure of work.

The prick of conscience is an no-  
thing compared with the prickly heat  
of compulsory inanities.

Are you one of those to whom  
every meal is another source of  
suffering?

**Na-Dru-Co Dyplopia Tablets**

will help you disordered stomach to  
digest any reasonable meal, and will  
soon restore it to such perfect condition  
that you'll never feel that you  
have a stomach. Take one after  
each meal. 50c. A Box at your  
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Montreal.

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An Ingenious Daughter  
What is it your husband wants to  
see me about, Delta?" asked Mr. Bur-  
ough's father.

"Why, father, said Delta, I think he  
wants to borrow a couple of hundred  
to get out of debt."

On the Jersey Central

Brakeeman—Elizabeth!

Aunt Ella—Yes, that's me.

It was on an old east Texas train.

The little coffee pot of an engine was  
hewing laboriously over serpent-  
line rails, jolted to a restful spot at  
one place, in particular.

The engine stopped at the station, and  
staled nervously up and down the  
platform, while others drew their fel-  
lows down over them and tried  
to talk to them. When the train had  
slashed the conductor came through.

Say friend, said a querulous man  
old man, as near as you can tell, what  
is it you're taking us?"

"We're taking on water, was the ex-  
planation.

"Well, why don't you get another  
train? That's all seems to leak  
somewhat dreadfully."

Very Slow  
My dear, said Mr. Bickers to his  
wife in the paper today a de-  
cation of a Virginia court that the  
wife of a Virginia state, be the head  
of the family.

John Henry, replied Mrs. Bickers.  
The courts are sometimes very slow

in finding out things.

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### CANADA'S CREDIT SUFFERS

Canada's credit is distinctly suffering under the spectacular and inept management of Hon. W. T. White, Mr. Borden's Finance Minister. During fifteen years, Hon. W. S. Fielding had carefully guarded the credit of the Dominion as one of its most precious assets. Loans were avoided as far as possible, and when they were required, such was the confidence inspired by Hon. Mr. Fielding's methods, that he was able to negotiate loans at rates varying from 24 to 34 per cent. These loans were invariably regarded as gilt-edged securities and were eagerly taken up by the British investing public. It was this ready appetite for Canadian Government securities which kept the interest rate down. It was the excellent condition of Canadian finance and Hon. Mr. Fielding's modest demands on the money market that whetted the appetite of the British investors.

Canadian credit thus stood high until the defeat of the Laurier government in 1911. It has remained for the Borden government, which came to office with loud protestations of economy to antagonize the big financial interests of London because of its inordinate and incessant demand for loans. Where Hon. Mr. Fielding's offerings were welcomed as opportunities for sound investment and sold at a premium, Hon. Mr. White's latest \$20,000,000 loan was so coldly received that the "Pall Mall Gazette" referred to it as "The biggest fiasco that had been seen for a long time past in any part of the world." The London Morning Post was an even sharper critic, declaring that the Canadian Finance Minister had so clouded his financial methods that the English lenders could not find out the real standing of the Canadian Government debtor. It is further intimated that Hon. Mr. White had first tried to borrow \$30,000,000, but was basely told that he had dipped into the loan market too often and had better curb his appetite by at least \$10,000,000. As a result when the Canadian loan was put on the market the British investing public bought just \$3,400,000 worth. The balance of \$16,600,000 remained on the hands of the underwriters who will have to carry this mass of unlisteted securities until the public buys them. And this, with a Canadian Government loan at 4 per cent, which was placed with the underwriters at 97!

### LEADER AND LIEUTENANT

Two notable events have occurred in the political world during the past week. Chief of these was the great Liberal demonstration at Montreal in honour of Hon. W. S. Fielding as Chief Editor of the Montreal Daily Telegraph, and his chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with the latter's reiteration of the Liberal policy of free food and the duty of the Government to reduce the cost of living.

Interesting in a different manner was the incursion of three of Mr. Borden's Cabinet ministers in an effort to end the Tory family quarrel in South Lanark. This latter was made remarkable by the appeal of Hon. Mr. Foster that "The Borden Government has not yet

had time to settle down to the gait of Government." This after two years of office! Before the Laurier Government had been one year in office they had reformed the tariff and introduced the first British preference the Empire had ever known.

In addition to this was the significant denunciation by Col. Hon. Sam Hughes that Lt. Col. Balderston in daring to run in South Lanark as an Independent Conservative candidate had forgotten both the discipline of the militia and of the Orange order.

The South Lanark episode, after two years of Conservative administration was pitiful in comparison with the united and enthusiastic Liberal demonstration that same night at Montreal after two years of Opposition.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid down his platform of free food in the following clear terms:

"If the tariff were reduced, as I propose to do, we would take away the cost which weighs upon the poorer classes of the community. It does not affect so much those who sit at this board, but it does affect very closely the artisan, the mechanic, the clerk, the clergyman, the professor, the teacher. We are fighting for the wives, for the mothers, for the children; we are fighting even for those hooded men, who, with reduced wages, have to face the coming of a cold Canadian winter."

Sir Wilfred further referred to the splendid work of the tariff commission after the election of his first government of 1896 and declared:

"I will tell you what we would do if we were in office now, what Mr. Fielding would do if he were in office. He would go on as head of a commission on which the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Customs, the Minister of Labor would sit, and they would go all over the country from Halifax to Victoria investigating the situation, asking the producer to give testimony, asking the working men to give testimony, and asking the manufacturers of every large city to find what would be the best means of reducing the tariff, so as to bring down the cost of living, and doing no injustice to anybody. We have done it before. We can do it again."

Hon. Mr. Fielding trenchantly criticized the present government for its vacillating inaction and ridiculed their course in waiting to see what the new American tariff would do before daring to undertake any tariff reform for themselves. That Mr. Fielding would not rest upon his laurels but go forward with his leader to fresh victories was shown by his ringing declaration—"We are living in a new century; a century in which new conditions are arising. It is the age of a democracy. It is the age in which the great mass of people in this country is going to make a charge, and the worker is going to demand a larger share of the fruits of his labor.

It was throughout a splendid demonstration by a party now in Opposition, and from first to last it tingled with the living sense of a party so closely in touch with the people that no doubt could be felt that whenever the people should be called upon they would be triumphantly returned to power.

### RESULT OF A BLUNDER

Mr. M. K. Cowan, arguing in the Western Freight Rates case at Ottawa before the Railway Commission recently, pointed out that if the East were entitled to its present rates because of water competition and density of business, the West should be entitled to similar rates because of its natural conditions such as no grades or curves, together with its increasing and prospective increase in traffic. He submitted that under present conditions the same rates should prevail from Fort William west as from Fort William east.

Mr. M. K. Cowan, K. C., is not only a prominent lawyer, but an old Parliamentarian and for some years was Assistant General Counsel for the G. T. Ry. Co. He has had lots of experience in railroad legal work and is practically qualified to understand conditions.

During the final debate in parliament last June on the proposal to present Mackenzie and Mann with a subsidy gift of over \$15,000,000, Hon. Frank Oliver moved—

"The granting of such subsidy and the receipt thereof, shall be subject to the condition that such companies within two months from the date of the passing of this Act submit to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada a schedule of traffic rates upon the lines of such companies, now or hereafter to be constructed west of Fort William which shall be the same as now are applied to the lines of the said companies in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, except in so far and to such extent as to the said Railway Companies may be able to establish higher cost of operation of such lines west of Fort William, and the said schedule shall be subject to the authority and control of the said Board of Railway Commissioners to be revised and adjusted by them in accordance with the foregoing provision."

This just demand was promptly voted down by the solid Government forces, the Liberals voting as solidly for it.

Had the Government accepted the liberal demand that Mackenzie and Mann should give a fair quid pro quo for this \$15,000,000 gift, much of the sting would have been taken out of the present protracted proceedings before the Railway Commission in the effort to secure by legal means justice which the Borden Government has refused to the West.

### BODY OF WOMAN FROZEN IN ICE

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Standing like a piece of statuary in the ice, the body of a well dressed woman was found in the Mississippi river this morning, within half a block of the huge municipal Christmas tree. She had evidently jumped from the high bridge. She was a blonde, aged about 35, regular features, expensive clothes. Half the body was frozen into the ice, and the other half was above. She had broken through the ice in her mad leap. She wore fur and silks. The body was so firmly frozen that firemen had to chop it out with axes.

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## WANTS HARD TIMES

Hon. T. W. Crothers, so-called Minister of Labour on December 8th turned his intellect towards the high cost of living. This is what he said, "To my mind the high cost of living is an indication of the prosperity and expansion of the country. If you want cheap living give us a few years of hard times."

This novel doctrine considerably astonished the country. That is not soved however, is shown by the fact that for months past there has been a decline in trade, which is being reflected in decreased customs revenue, while for the first time in years the cry of the unemployed is heard throughout the land. For many people throughout the Dominion hard times are already here. Yet the cost of living has increased in a marked degree every month, and it still goes up.

Hon. Mr. Crothers was nearer the truth when he described himself as not the Minister of Labour, but the "Minister of Play." It was as Minister of Play that he with Brother Price had a joy ride across the continent to look over the Nanaimo strike situation when they succeeded in stirring up the strikers to violence. It was as Minister of Play that Mr. Crothers then hurried off with Mrs. Crothers to England for a delightful trip at the country's expense, while the Nanaimo strike raged and the militia were called out, and are still on duty to put down violence, while other ministers dealt with severe labour troubles on the I. C. R. Hon. Mr. Crothers is one of a number of Mr. Borden's colleagues in the Cabinet who are playing with the interests of the people. The next election will end their game.

## REVENUE IS DROPPING

When the Borden Government came to office in October 1911, they found the treasury full, the revenue buoyant, trade increasing, and prosperity everywhere. Canada had never been in such a happy condition as it was previous to the time that Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid down the reins of office. No matter how Premier Borden and his heterogeneous group of colleagues might blunder they could not immediately stem the tide of prosperity. They blundered blithely along for a year or more, hoping that luck would pull them through. They played ducks and drakes with the treasury, grabbed everything in sight and borrowed in England when funds ran short; the country's business was run by deputies and occasional ministers while the rest of the Cabinet enjoyed themselves travelling around in private cars and Government steamboats.

By September last the wave of Liberal progress and prosperity had spent its force. There had been nothing done to continue it.

From that time there has been a continual reversion to the unhappy state of affairs that obtained prior to the election of the Liberal Government in 1896.

In October 1913, the gross revenue dropped \$563,348 as compared with the same month of the previous year. In November it dropped \$742,797. During September, October and November the Customs revenue declined by \$2,661,064, showing that merchants were trimming their sails for reduced trade. The public debt increased \$577,820 during October and November. The expenditures of the Government for September, October and November were \$41,018,620 or \$5,704,543 more than for the same three months of the previous year.

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## HIGH COST OF LIVING COMMISSION

The commission to investigate cost of living will begin work after the holidays, will spend some time turning over files and conning departmental records in Ottawa, and will afterward visit such and so many points as is deemed expedient. Unless the board attains a rate of progress greater than is common to commissions the investigating part of its duty will fill in the time until next fall, and the preparation of the report take up six months more. This would preclude parliament acting on the report until 1916, and of course any proposal for parliamentary action in the meantime will be voted down as inadvisable in view of the commission having been appointed. Any one who has been hoping for some measure of relief at the coming session of parliament may as well dismiss the hope and meet the disappointment at once. The chances are that there be no relief at either the approaching or the succeeding session.

## W. F. STEVENS TALKS ON SHEEP.

At a recent farmers' institute meeting in the district of Hazelmore, Macleod, Alta., W. F. Stevens, live stock commissioner for Alberta, gave an address on sheep raising. He believed that there was nothing more advantageous to the farmer than a flock of sheep. There are 680 known varieties of weeds and sheep will eat 500 kinds. Sheep, therefore, can successfully fight weeds. They are good soil packers, preventing drifting and thus saving labor for man and beast. Sheep need no costly equipment. Farmers could combine to keep

a herder. A flock of 1,500 sheep would clean summer fallow sheep but little attention. They require a variety of food as action. He found that his daughter and animals do—after a succulent meal received internal injuries feed then dry prairie grass. They that probably will result in her pay the farmer well for his death.

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## VOODOO RITES FATAL TO GIRL.

Havanna, Dec. 26.—The murder of the six-year-old white girl, Eugenia Fernandez, on December 25, at Artemisa, in the province of Pinar Del Rio, in connection with the practice of "Voodoism," is attributed to two negroes, Lajose De La Crux and Eugenio Cardinas, now under arrest.

According to those who investigated the crime, the negroes obtained the consent of the parents to draw blood from the child's body for the purpose of curing a sick woman named Salvador Arjona. They went through she ceremonies in the presence of the parents, preparatory to taking the blood. The little girl was seized, but managed to free herself and ran to her mother, clinging to her skirts. This was repeated each time she saw the knife in the "wizard's" hand. The negroes then decided to wound the girl by an explosion of powder, but the explosion proved so violent that it killed the child.

## ANSWERS EMERGENCY CALL; DOCTOR FINDS DAUGHTER

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dying from injuries received in an automobile accident, a 15-year-old girl was brought unconscious to the city hospital Christmas afternoon and placed on the operating table. Dr. Charles Wheeler, consulting surgeon was called. As he approached the operating table he almost collapsed. The girl was his daughter Anna, who had started from home a few hours before on a tour of Christ-

mas cheer among her friends. Steeling himself against his emotion, the father made an examination of all animals do—after a succulent meal received internal injuries feed then dry prairie grass. They that probably will result in her pay the farmer well for his death.

With the assistance of Dr. Charles Drew and Dr. Gage, the father completed the examination. Then, on the verge of collapse, he was led moaning from the operating room.

## SIX STITCHES IN HEART; PATIENT DOING WELL

New York, Dec. 26.—With six stitches taken in his heart Thursday night, Vincenzo Lauro, victim of a stabbing affray, is expected to live. When taken to the Holy Family Hospital in Brooklyn, the surgeon decided that the operation was necessary. Because of the weakened condition of the patient no anaesthetic was given, but cocaine was used locally, the ribs above the heart were cut through and six stitches taken in the heart tissue. Late Thursday night the patient was improving so fast that the surgeons said they expected his recovery.



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Misses Maggie D'Orsay and Marjorie Coggin in Artistic Posse—Story of a Clever Mouse—Things Children Like to Know.

The sprightly little dancers in the picture are the famous Maggie D'Orsay and Marjorie Coggin, who have been in the big city of London. Recently, at a bazaar held to raise funds for the horses and drivers aid committee, the small maidens danced merrily. There were four girls in the ballet, but there is only room to



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**LITTLE BALLET DANCERS.**  
Show two of them in the picture. As the photo shows, they are very graceful and pretty, and they won applause for their performance. The patrons of the aid committee derived the funds to help the kind treatment of horses and drivers and in helping those who are in need of assistance. The dancing girls aided materially in making the bazaar a success and, besides the fun of dancing, had the pleasure of knowing that they were doing a good work.

**How the Mouse Escaped.**

One night a wise old mouse crept down the garden path. Perhaps he was looking for the moon. But the moon was hidden behind the bars.

He crept on, with a sitting beneath a currant bush. When the mouse came by he leaped upon him.

"Ah, my fine fellow!" he purred. "Will eat you in a gray coat this time."

Then he clutched at the root of the bush and took the wise old mouse with him.

The mouse began a little, panting.

"Why do you sing?" mewed the cat, putting him down on the roof, with one paw upon his back.

"I am a mouse," said the mouse, "and at this time of night." He wriggled his mousey tail, "I should be very happy to have you sing with me."

This pleased Buzz, who was very attached up his neck, as if to look over the bar, at the moon, and began to sing.

The wise mouse peeped softly, but the cat was fond of his own voice and sang with all his might.

Then he took his paw from the mouse, to best time.

When the tune was done Buzz looked down and saw only a hole in the root.

A Hallowe'en Trick.

Get a piece of wood six inches in length and about half an inch in thickness and near one end of it turn a notch in the middle of two sides so that it may be turned to one side and the second to the other. If the other end of the wood is then placed on the tip of the forked end it will keep itself perfectly upright without falling, and even if it is forced to one side it will always recover its perpendicular position, being in reality kept in equilibrum by the knifes.

**Historical Questions.**

Who was the author of "Ball Company"? Joseph Hopkins.

On whom was it wrongly said, "He could not be kicked into a fight?" President Madison.

Who was the "Hero of New Orleans"? Andrew Jackson.

Who said, "I'll try sir?" Colonel Miller of "Laddie" Land.

Who said, "A little more grape, Captain Briggs"? General Taylor.

**Game of Guess.**  
One player gives the first letter of something in the room; the other in turn guess what the next letter is, and so on.

**Chosen' Rides.**  
Mountain sides for baseball is a bally way to get out what remains that about your place.

For if you're a muffer, when for man?

You're the last one taken, if you're took at all.

Now you're a captain, as their choices you know.

Says says, "I'll take Biddy," other, "I'll take Tom."

"Want Tom Jackson," "Gimme Sammy mine."

Now you're a general, and I'll take a

little more, and I'll take a

little more, and I'll take a

I heard him a-sayin' that he wanted me

—Frederick Lynch.

### BANNING BURGERS.

The Dodge of Pearl and Diamond Thieves in London.

There is no more daring robbery than the man who makes jewels his specialty, as the recent theft of a diamond necklace worth £150,000, while in transit between Paris and London, goes to prove. In this case a package containing the pearls was in London on July 16th last with only neatly-arranged pieces of French sugar and some sausages in the package after the parcel containing them had been posted in Paris and before it was delivered to Mr. Maxwell, the jeweler, at Hatton Garden.

Pollock Station Guards have been the scene of more jewel robberies than any other thoroughfare in London. On one occasion a traveler in the employ of a large diamond firm, who had been sent to London to inspect a house in the Garden, when entering the building he left within the vehicle two large black suitcases containing jewels. Presently a lad in the uniform of a messenger walked up to the cab, and, returning to the driver that his fare would be out in a few moments.

The lad had just taken off his coat when the thief had seized him, and the bags were never recovered. The lad had got safely away with £400 gold-bordered diamonds and a few small articles of other jewelry, the whole having a market value exceeding £15,000.

In September, 1894, over £16,000 worth of diamonds were stolen from Mr. Spyer of Antwerp. He was standing alone in an office at 70 Whitechapel Road, when he suddenly struck his hand behind and overpowered by a handkerchief, soaked in chloroform, being pressed over his nostrils. When he recovered, he found that his jewels were gone. The bags containing his jewels were gone. The thief or thieves left no clue whatever behind them.

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Especially is this true in the world of work and thought. Few hard work is one of the diseases of civilization, and the composition of enduring life, although working too hard, has enabled a man or woman to endure heavy labor and develop a strong physique to that standard. Eight or ten hours of contortions tell to a race not accustomed to it would kill it off speedily. The same is true of art, and especially of art.

Artists of similar kind in use at the same time should, in addition to the initials, be marked with numbers as well. For instance, in the case of handkerchiefs they should be marked with the initials of the owner, under which number should be followed so on: the same with stockings, tablecloths, sheets and, in fact, everything that can be marked at all. They should then be placed in the drawer or linen closet, as the case may be, with the numbers in consecutive order. If they are then taken out for use in their right order and replaced in the same manner after washing, no article will not receive more than its full share of wear and tear.

Illustrated is a game that Louis XIV. used to play with his chessmen. It is a game that requires a amount of thinking which makes chess seem like pure recreation in comparison. Of course, it's different from a chess problem, for the moves are not always start with the same strength of forces, but this only adds to the fascination of trying to beat a winning combination.

**A Game That Louis.**

For the man who has once had the responsibility of coaching an eight-sided crew the task has an attraction which can't be resisted. Some one asked me once why it was that I had such a desire to teach chess. I knew that the person who put the question didn't know much about the rowing game, for you must be a good oarsman to be a good chess player. I knew that the person who put the question didn't know much about the rowing game, for you must be a good oarsman to be a good chess player. I knew that the person who put the question didn't know much about the rowing game, for you must be a good oarsman to be a good chess player.

How Much Sleep Do We Need? How much sleep is necessary for a man? The question was raised centuries ago by Montaigne. "Philosophers," he wrote, "have considered whether it is necessary that our life must depend on it, for we find that Perseus, King of Macedonia, prisoner at Regium, slept but three hours a day, and Herodotus died in a long time without any sleep at all. And Herodotus reported that the Persians, who were not always awake, did not sleep more than half an hour at a time."

Mr. Conrad writes English with a rare sense of style and beauty, so that it is a surprise to many of his readers that he is not a native of England. He is employing a language which did not acquire until after boyhood.

**A Painful Experience.**

"After I had written 'The Wake of the Wind,' I sold it for \$250. It was to Mr. Mortimer, a bookseller in Privates Life of Henry Maitland." "When this bargain was finally struck Mr. Jones Brown said to me, 'Now, Mr. H., as the author of 'The Wake of the Wind,' you are a famous man.' I replied, 'I am not a famous man, but I am a good chess player.' And though it did not secure many readers, the literary critics were kind, and Mr. Conrad resolved to adopt writing as a profession.

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**Costly Bean.**

The vanilla bean is said to be the costliest bean on earth. It's home in Mexico, chiefly in Papanita and Misantla. It grows wild and is collected by the Indians. Just as they come from the wilderness of forests the household contrivance, which is not expensive, would be a great convenience.

**Umbrella Cases.**  
Because of many boarding schools the girls sharing rooms also have to share a closet it is the wise thing to have a plainly marked umbrella case which can be hung on a hook behind one or more garments. This case, large enough to hold several umbrellas, is made of leather and is bound around the bottom edge at the short closed end and at the wide mouth with thick wavy braid and on both flat sides plain marled to white tape with the initials of the owner. Much of the trouble which arises among girls rooming together is caused by each girl bringing her umbrella and not appropriating each other's small belongings, but the student who arrives armed with one of these cases clearly indicates to her companion that she regards her umbrella as her own property.

**Woman's Reason.**

Women have more of what is termed good sense than men. They do not reason wrong, for they do not reason at all. Women are less impulsive and less liable to make mistakes than men. They are less inclined to objects from their immediate and involuntary impression on the mind and therefore more truly and naturally "naïf."

**A Painful Experience.**

"After I had written 'The Wake of the Wind,' I sold it for \$250. It was to Mr. Mortimer, a bookseller in Privates Life of Henry Maitland." "When this bargain was finally struck Mr. Jones Brown said to me, 'Now, Mr. H., as the author of 'The Wake of the Wind,' you are a famous man.' I replied, 'I am not a famous man, but I am a good chess player.'

How Much Sleep Do We Need? How much sleep is necessary for a man? The question was raised centuries ago by Montaigne. "Philosophers," he wrote, "have considered whether it is necessary that our life must depend on it, for we find that Perseus, King of Macedonia, prisoner at Regium, slept but three hours a day, and Herodotus died in a long time without any sleep at all. And Herodotus reported that the Persians, who were not always awake, did not sleep more than half an hour at a time."

Mr. Conrad writes English with a rare sense of style and beauty, so that it is a surprise to many of his readers that he is not a native of England. He is employing a language which did not acquire until after boyhood.

**An Erysic Echo.**

The late Sir John Long had travelled in most quarters of the globe. On one occasion when visiting Spain he was greatly delighted to find a young and sprightly companion to teach the powers of what was declared to be a wonderful echo. Sir John, slowly and deliberately, in a low, clear,洪亮的声调, recited "June-June Advertisse," the name of the paper he owned. "Dundee Courier and Argus," the name of the newspaper paper, came back as the echo. Sir John's friends had pleased him a trick.

**Fride.**

The danger of pride is that it makes us forget our true greatness. "Fride" means "friend" and the word "friend" is—Frederick Lynch.

### DISEASES OF CIVILIZATION.

How Environment Is Telling on Humans.

Civilization brings a host of disease in its train. The extremes of the back-to-nature are gone, so far as to declare that civilization is a disease. But it is perceived that civilization is its own disease, that it preys upon itself, and that the sum of its evil is to be circumferent, not to be annihilated. The world has been the scene of more jewel robberies than any other thoroughfare in London. On one occasion a traveler in the employ of a large diamond firm, who had been posted in London on July 16th last with only neatly-arranged pieces of French sugar and some sausages in the package after the parcel containing them had been posted in Paris and before it was delivered to Mr. Maxwell, the jeweler, at Hatton Garden.

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### MARKING LINEN.

Laundry Lines That Are of Great Practical Value in the House.

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The usual and most satisfactory method is to do it with marking iron, either on the material itself or on a small piece of paper sewed on it.

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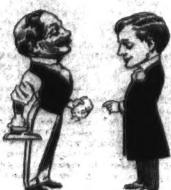
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Duncan—At Iowalta, on Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Duncan, twins, boy and girl.

#### C. P. R. Brakeman Killed

A sad accident happened Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock in the C. P. R. yards here, as a result of which Thomas Newcombe, brakeman on the east freight, was instantly killed. How the accident occurred is not known, but it is supposed that the unfortunate man slipped on the frosty rail and fell beneath the car he was in the act of coupling. Death was instantaneous, the body being mangled in a terrible manner.

What makes the accident particularly distressing is the fact that deceased was married only a few months ago, his young wife residing in Red Deer, where the funeral will take place.

Deceased was a very popular young man, and was held in high esteem by the officials of the department in which he labored.

#### Notice!

On and after January 1st 1914, we the undersigned blacksmiths, will conduct our business on a Strictly Cash Basis.

A. D. Watson  
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H Gottschlich  
John McNab

#### How about the Friend you Forgot

Our stock is still in good shape after the Christmas trade. Something in Jewelry is always appreciated. Some special prices in order to prevent carrying over.

JOHN BULGER  
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This should be drunk in V. O. H. for sure.

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